

Upon Rebecca graduating from Wellesley College in 2005, she had a world of opportunity ahead of her. She headed to Washington to work for ABC News and eventually joined the Obama presidential campaign's staff, energetically serving the Vice President's press team as the general election approached. After President Obama and then-Vice President Biden's landslide election in 2009, Rebecca was given a position on the President's transition team, managing press at the inauguration, and then joined the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as one of the Administration's first DHHS staff placements. Ms. Adelman rose throughout the agency, serving as the Special Assistant to the Administrator at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), as DHHS's Deputy Liaison to the White House, and Acting Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary.

Inspired by her HHS colleagues to be a "doer rather than a talker," as well as by the idea of direct healthcare service, she achieved her status as a Registered Nurse (RN) and earned a Master of Public Health degree with Honors from Johns Hopkins University. Her nursing career began in New York as a neonatal intensive care unit nurse at Mount Sinai, before advancing to become Clinical Nurse Manager and then Patient Care Director at New York Presbyterian Hospital. No matter the professional arena or personal circumstances, her intuition and broad skill set enabled her to perform at the highest level of proficiency. At the time of Ms. Adelman's passing, she was the Nurse Manager responsible for running the entire neonatal intensive care unit at New York-Presbyterian, an incredible achievement to her career journey.

Madam Speaker, Rebecca M. Adelman accomplished so much and earned the love and respect of so many during her short time with us, and she is truly missed. Her family and all who knew her and benefitted from her many contributions to the community can attest to her remarkable impact and inspiration, as well as her enduring optimism and commitment to community. Two years after her passing, Rebecca Adelman's incredible legacy continues to improve the lives of others and will last for a long time to come. Our nation is better off because of the service of Ms. Rebecca M. Adelman, and we are forever grateful for her many contributions.

CASSIE TANNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassie Tanner for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Cassie has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for eight years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes and is currently serving as Board President.

During her tenure on the Board, Cassie oversaw the budget and policy decisions for the West Metro Fire District. In this role, she supported local firefighters who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting people, prop-

erty and the and community at-large. Her background in banking, finance, employee relations as well as her common sense, problem-solving skills helped make her a valuable member of the Board.

I have known Cassie for many years and know her to be a hardworking, dedicated member of our community. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Cassie Tanner for her service to the West Metro Fire District and to our local community. I know she will continue on to do great things in our community and I wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING RUE MAPP

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rue Mapp, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion for her inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Ms. Mapp was born in Oakland, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in the history of art, with a minor in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley. She also earned a Women in Leadership Certificate from Mills College, Institute for Civic Leadership in her hometown of Oakland.

Ms. Mapp founded Outdoor Afro in 2009 to celebrate and inspire Black people to connect with each other through nature. For the past five years, Outdoor Afro has included a policy and education cohort that has advocated for environmental protection legislation, including the Land Water Conservation Fund, which funds parks and public land. Today, Outdoor Afro includes over 60,000 participants and over 100 volunteer leaders who promote and participate in outdoor activities, such as hiking, fishing, biking and more.

Ms. Mapp has received various honors for her environmental work. Ms. Mapp has been appointed to the California State Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council's Foundation for Youth Investment, where she serves as program officer. Ms. Mapp is also on the board of the Outdoor Industry Association Governance Committee and the vice-chair of The Wilderness Society Governing Council. Additionally, she was invited to the White House by the Obama Administration for the America's Great Outdoors Conference.

In her free time, Ms. Mapp is an avid outdoorswoman, Recreational Vehicle enthusiast, hunter, and fisher. She loves to cook, sew, write, and spend time with her loved ones. Ms. Mapp's family includes her husband, Darin; her three children, Seth, Delaney, and William; her grandchild, Kendrick; and her beloved Pitbull, Lulu.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Rue Mapp has dedicated her life to combatting the climate crisis in our communities through Outdoor Afro. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JERRICA PROFERES

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerrica Proferes for her distinguished career in service to this Nation and to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

As a Military Police Officer stationed at Fort Drum, Jerrica began her career of service with the 23rd Military Police Company. For over three years, Jerrica provided law enforcement and support for more than 40,000 soldiers, civilians, and families. In Iraq, she served valiantly as a member of the Immediate Reaction Force team and Riot Response team as a Corrections Officer.

Shortly thereafter, Jerrica joined the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, as a Human Resource Specialist and Operations Manager. Through her service in South Korea, Jerrica embraced the important operations role and admirably performed her duties. She conducted countless briefs, statistic reports, meetings, and training courses during her time in Seoul, and managed overseas job placements for over 2,500 soldiers throughout South Korea.

Jerrica later joined the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, as a Small Group Leader and Operations Manager. For nearly two years, she managed the operations and logistics side of the Institute, ensuring that our servicemembers were properly trained in languages of vital national security interests, such as Persian Farsi and Afghan-Dari.

Following her military career, she continued her habit of service by assisting veterans through VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) at Austin Peay State University. As veterans struggled to transition to life after service, Jerrica helped ease their transition by assisting them in submitting campus applications, registering for courses, creating educational goals, and maintaining successful study plans. Her time with VSOC as a mentor, tutor, and Administrative Assistant left an indelible mark on the lives of servicemembers that will not be forgotten.

As a State Senator for the Tennessee General Assembly, I had the pleasure of working with Jerrica while she served as our legislative intern. Through her efficiency, hard work, and clear skill, I knew that I needed to hire her as a permanent staffer. When I was elected to Congress and putting together a team to serve the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District, Jerrica was at the top of my list. Since January 2019, Jerrica has been the indispensable core of my office. From the innumerable tasks required to set up a congressional office, to creating efficient systems and ensuring the smooth flow of all operations, Jerrica has gone above and beyond in her work, demonstrating the meaning of servant-leadership by example. Our ability to serve the 7th district would not be where it is without her hard work and dedication as Director of Scheduling and Operations.

Jerrica is passionate about what she believes, observant of other people's needs, and, above all, serves others. Even now, as she transitions from my office, she turns to another